

A pretty fairly truish
biography of

George Sand

Gender-
Bender
of the
19th Century!

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Amantine Lucile Dupin was born in Paris in 1804, to a wealthy father who abandoned her working-class mother.



She was raised mostly by her crotchety grandmother in the countryside.

Many family arguments and one
or two marriages/lovers later,
she had enough.

More?
Who's
counting?



She began dressing in men's
clothing and in men's names.

Soon after, she wrote a best-selling novel called *Indiana*, attacking the mysogeny of marriage, and became a household name.



She continued a string of love affairs with both men and women, including the female avant-gardist Marie d'Agoult, the male avant-gardist Franz Liszt, and the socialist Louis Blanc



Most of these relationships ended poorly.

She used her books to promote socialism, sexual freedom, and other progressive ideals. She edited a socialist newspaper called *The Cause of the People*.



But by 1871, she came out against the Paris Commune.

By her death, she was among the
most famous/infamous celebrities
in France; surprisingly,



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George Sand died in 1876, one of the most influential women in the history of the avant-garde, & European literature itself.